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Applicant: FIEBAG et al  
Filed: October 26, 2001  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REFRESHMENT AND REUSE OF LOADED DEVELOPER  
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Examiner: Hoa Van Le

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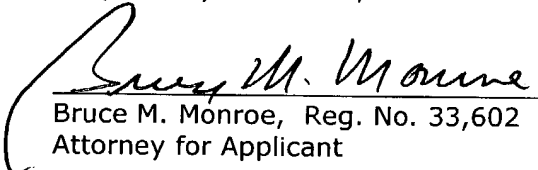
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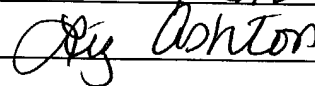
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International application No. <b>PCT/EP 03/04272</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>24/04/2003</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)
Applicant <b>KODAK POLYCHROME GRAPHICS GMBH</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

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☐ None of the figures.

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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